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Attorney Docket No.		043596.091
First Inventor		LACROIX, Matthew K. et al.
Title	MULTI-LAYER SOFTBALL	
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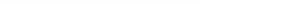
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1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee	
1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee	
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	

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Total Claims	-20 **	=	0	X	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	-3 **	=	0	X		0
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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
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1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
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1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
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1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive – unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive – unintentional	
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1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
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2. Utility Patent Application Transmittal (1 page);
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4. Specification (40 pages), Claim (2 pages), Abstract (1 page), and Drawings (3 sheets, depicting Figs. 1-3);
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